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SUBJECT: US/EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE - OCTOBER 11-12 EC-9
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT MEETING, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH BELGIAN EC PRESIDENCY ON THE FOLLOWING:

2. CYPRUS. EMBASSY SHOULD BRIEF BELGIAN PRESIDENCY ON US-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK USING POINTS IN PARA 3 STATE 240823. YOU SHOULD ALSO REITERATE OUR INTENTION KEEP EUROPEANS INFORMED RE CURRENT US EFFORT TO SEE IF MOMENTUM CAN BE GIVEN TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AT THIS STAGE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER OTHER INITIATIVES.

3. AFRICA. POINTS ON EC CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL.

4. CSCE. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--- COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC-9 EFFORTS AND THE NATO
- EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR BELGRADE HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AS
- WAS THE CASE DURING GENEVA AND HELSINKI.

---IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE CLOSE COOPERATION
- DURING THE BELGRADE REVIEW, AND WE WILL LOOK TO THE
- EC-9 FOR HELP IN MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH NEUTRAL
- AND NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS.

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---WE EXPECT THAT THE NATO ALLIES WILL BE DRAWING LARGELY
- UPON THE LIST OF EC-9 PROPOSALS, AND WE MUST STRIVE
- FOR THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION ON WHICH PROPOSALS TO PUT
- FORWARD AND THE STRATEGY AND TACTICS THEREOF.

5. UNITED NATIONS. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING:

---A. MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN THE UN. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE CIRCULATED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PLENARY LATER THIS MONTH. IT IS A RELATIVELY MODERATE RESOLUTION, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH ACCORDS LARGELY WITH POSITIONS WE HAVE ACCEPTED IN THE PAST. THE MAJOR PROBLEM IS THAT IT WOULD KEEP ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THIS TROUBLESOME ISSUE THROUGHOUT THE FALL BY ASKING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SEEK TO "IMPLEMENT" THE RESOLUTION IN TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS, TO REPORT BACK TO THE GA AND THE SC BY NOVEMBER 15, AND THEN TO HAVE THE SC "REVIEW" THE SITUATION. THE EC DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK ARE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION, WHILE ASKING THAT THE NOVEMBER 15 DATE BE CHANGED TO "BY THE END OF THE YEAR." THEY HAVE INFORMALLY ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS. WE WISH TO AVOID TAKING A

POSITION UNTIL WE SEE A FINAL TEXT AND CAN JUDGE ITS EFFECT ON THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION WHICH EXISTS AT THAT TIME. THE SECOND MAJOR MIDDLE EAST ISSUE LIKELY TO ARISE IS A POSSIBLE ARAB INITIATIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO "SUPPLEMENT" RESOLUTION 242 BY DEFINING PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. SOME OF NINE, NOTABLY FRANCE, HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED INTEREST IN MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO ANY INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD ALTER THE AGREED NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK OF RESOLUTION 242.

---B. SOVIET AGENDA ITEM ON "CONSOLIDATION OF DETENTE". EVERY YEAR GROMYKO HAS A NEW INITIATIVE TO UNVEIL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A FRESH PACKAGE FOR SHOPWORN SOVIET IDEAS ON DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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YEAR'S ITEM CONTAINS SOME HORTATORY LANGUAGE ON DETENTE WHICH WE DON'T OBJECT TO - BUT THE CHINESE AND OTHERS WILL - AND SOME SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON DISARMAMENT, NON-USE OF FORCE, ETC., WHICH WILL GIVE OUR ALLIES AS WELL AS OURSELVES PROBLEMS.

TACTICALLY OUR AIM IS TO GET THE NEW SOVIET ITEM CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH TWO OLD ONES - NON-USE OF FORCE AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THIS WOULD GIVE THE US AND OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO OR IGNORE THESE OLD INITIATIVES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENERAL STATEMENT ON THE DETENTE ITEM AND WOULD ENABLE THE DEBATE ON THESE VARIOUS SUBJECTS TO BE TELESCOPED.

AS FOR THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW SOVIET RESOLUTION WE SEE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS IN ADDITION TO THE CALL FOR A NON-USE OF FORCE TREATY. REFERENCES TO NUCLEAR-FREE OCEANS SEEM TO SET THE STAGE FOR RENEWED CONSIDERATION OF THE SOVIET MEDITERRANEAN PEACE-ZONE PROPOSAL. LANGUAGE ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS APPEARS UNACCEPTABLE. REFERENCES TO CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN DETENTE AND "BLOC POLICIES" APPEAR TO BE AIMED AT NATO AND SOME OF THE ARGUMENTATION ON COLONIALISM IS SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATIONS WITH WHICH WE WOULD NOT AGREE.

WE HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE A RESOLUTION WHICH WE COULD SUPPORT OR WHETHER TO STAND ASIDE AND LET THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHERS SHARE THE BURDEN OF AMENDING THE RESOLUTION. WE WILL WANT TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES IN DISCUSSING TACTICS. CHRISTOPHER

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